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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF JUNE 8 ANZUS COMMUNIQUE:

2. THE ANZUS COUNCIL HELD ITS 27TH MEETING IN WASHINGTON
ON JUNE 7 AND 8, 1978. THE RIGHT HONORABLE BRIAN TALBOYS,
DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS,
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REPRESENTED NEW ZEALAND; THE HONORABLE ANDREW PEACOCK,
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, REPRESENTED AUSTRALIA; AND
THE HONORABLE CYRUS VANCE, SECRETARY OF STATE, REPRESENTED
THE UNITED STATES.

3. THE COUNCIL MEMBERS PAID TRIBUTE TO THE MEMORY OF
SIR ROBERT MENZIES. THEY RECALLED THE LEADING ROLE HE HAD
PLAYED IN THE FORMATION OF ANZUS AND HIS COMMITMENT TO
THE CLOSEST TIES AMONG THE ANZUS PARTNERS.

4. THE THREE COUNTRIES REAFFIRMED THEIR COMMON COMMITMENT TO THE DEMOCRATIC TRADITIONS AND PRACTICES THAT PROVIDE THE ENDURING FOUNDATION FOR THEIR LONG AND CLOSE FRIENDSHIP. THEY UNDERTOOK TO CONTINUE TO WORK TOGETHER TO PROMOTE THEIR SHARED INTERESTS.

5. THE COUNCIL MEMBERS EXPRESSED THEIR SATISFACTION WITH THE CLOSE TIES AMONG THE PARTNERS. THEY NOTED THAT THESE HAD BEEN STRENGTHENED IN THE PAST YEAR BY FRUITFUL VISITS OF THE AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND PRIME MINISTERS TO WASHINGTON AND OF THE AMERICAN VICE PRESIDENT TO CANBERRA AND WELLINGTON.

6. THE MINISTERS REAFFIRMED THE GREAT IMPORTANCE THAT EACH MEMBER ATTACHES TO THE ANZUS ALLIANCE AS AN ELEMENT IN THE FRAMEWORK OF WESTERN SECURITY AND A MEANS OF MAINTAINING AND DEVELOPING THE INDIVIDUAL AND COLLECTIVE CAPACITY OF ITS MEMBERS TO RESIST ARMED ATTACK. PURSUANT TO THESE PRIMARY CONCERNS THE MINISTERS RECOGNIZED THE CENTRAL IMPORTANCE OF PRACTICAL COOPERATIVE SUPPLY AND SUPPORT ARRANGEMENTS WITHIN THE ALLIANCE WHICH WOULD FACILITATE THE EXPANSION OF AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND FORCES IN CONTINGENT CIRCUMSTANCES. THE MINISTERS
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WELCOMED THE PROGRESS MADE IN THE PLANNING AND CONDUCT OF COMBINED MILITARY EXERCISES AS A MEANS OF STRENGTHENING MILITARY CO-OPERATION AND TESTING ITS EFFECTIVENESS.

7. SHARING A SPECIAL INTEREST IN DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC AREA, THE COUNCIL MEMBERS PLEDGED CONTINUED EFFORTS TO PROMOTE PEACE AND STABILITY THERE. THEY AGREED THAT ANZUS MAKES A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO REGIONAL STABILITY AND TO THE PROSPECTS FOR CONTINUED PEACE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION. THE MINISTERS STRESSED THE PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE OF JAPAN IN REGIONAL AND GLOBAL AFFAIRS AND EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF JAPAN'S EFFORTS TO INCREASE DOMESTIC DEMAND AND REDUCE ITS TRADE SURPLUS. THE COUNCIL NOTED THAT THE DEVELOPING RELATIONS BETWEEN THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND MANY COUNTRIES OF THE REGION ENHANCE THE PROSPECTS FOR REGIONAL STABILITY. IT EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR CONTINUED EFFORTS TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE PRC. THE MINISTERS EXPRESSED THE CONVICTION THAT THE IMPORTANT PROGRESS MADE BY THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA'S ARMED FORCES WOULD ALLOW THEM TO ASSUME A GREATER ROLE IN THE DEFENSE OF THAT COUNTRY WITH CONTINUING SUPPORT TO BE PROVIDED BY THE UNITED STATES. THE MINISTERS SUPPORTED THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA'S CALL TO NORTH KOREA FOR A RESUMED DIALOGUE AS A FIRST STEP TOWARD PEACEFUL SOLUTION OF THE KOREA QUESTION.

8. THE COUNCIL WELCOMED THE CONTRIBUTION THE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS HAS MADE TO REGIONAL ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT THE ORGANIZATION WOULD BE OF EVEN GREATER IMPORTANCE IN THE FUTURE. IN PARTICULAR, THE COUNCIL MEMBERS SUPPORTED THE EXPANSION OF ASEAN'S DIALOGUES WITH NON-MEMBER COUNTRIES. THE COUNCIL SAW THE CONTINUING MOVES TOWARD MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND CLOSER COOPERATION AMONG
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SOUTHEAST ASIAN COUNTRIES AS AN ELEMENT IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF REGIONAL STABILITY.

9. THE COUNCIL MEMBERS REAFFIRMED THEIR INTENTION TO CONTINUE TO PLAY MAJOR ROLES IN ENSURING THE PERMANENT RESETTLEMENT OF THE REFUGEES WHOSE FLIGHT FROM THE COUNTRIES OF INDOCHINA CONTINUES. THEY EXPRESSED THEIR GRATIFICATION WITH THE ROLE MANY OTHER NATIONS ARE PLAYING IN THIS EFFORT AND THEIR HOPES THAT NATIONAL PROGRAMS FOR RECEIVING REFUGEES WOULD BE EXPANDED. THEY ALSO EXPRESSED THEIR APPRECIATION OF THE IMPORTANT ROLE BEING PLAYED BY THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES IN ALLEVIATING SUFFERING AND MISERY; THEY CALLED ON HIS ORGANIZATION TO RENEW ITS EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE IMPROVEMENTS IN FIRST ASYLUM PRACTICES THROUGHOUT SOUTHEAST ASIA AND TO PERSUADE OTHER NATIONS CAPABLE OF RESETTLING REFUGEES TO PROVIDE PERMANENT HOMES FOR THEM. DURING THEIR DISCUSSION, THE COUNCIL MEMBERS REITERATED THEIR DEEP CONCERN REGARDING VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN KAMPUCHEA.

10. THE MINISTERS COMMENDED THE CONTINUING STEPS TOWARD POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION BEING MADE BY THE STATES OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC AND EXPRESSED THEIR SUPPORT FOR EFFORTS TO FORM A SOUTH PACIFIC REGIONAL FISHERIES AGENCY. THEY NOTED THAT THE MEMBERSHIP OF AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, AND THE UNITED STATES IN SUCH AN ORGANIZATION WOULD ENHANCE ITS CONTRIBUTION TO REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. THE COUNCIL MEMBERS WELCOMED THE IMPENDING INDEPENDENCE OF THE SOLOMON ISLANDS, EXPRESSING THEIR CONFIDENCE THAT THE SOLOMONS WOULD PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN SOUTH PACIFIC AFFAIRS, AS WOULD OTHER STATES IN THE REGION SOON TO ACHIEVE INDEPENDENCE.
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11. THE MINISTERS REVIEWED DEVELOPMENTS IN THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS AND EXPRESSED THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE UNITED STATES OBJECTIVE OF TERMINATING THE TRUSTEESHIP BY 1981. THEY NOTED WITH INTEREST THE

STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES FOR FREE ASSOCIATION SIGNED BY THE UNITED STATES AND THE MICRONESIANS, THE ENCOURAGING PROSPECTS FOR THE EVOLUTION OF CLOSE RELATIONS AMONG THE PARTIES ON A NEW BASIS, AND THE PLAN FOR A JULY 12 REFERENDUM TO BE OBSERVED BY THE UNITED NATIONS IN WHICH TRUST TERRITORY CITIZENS WILL EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON THE ORGANIZATIONS OF THEIR FUTURE GOVERNMENT.

12. THE COUNCIL REVIEWED THE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION AIMED AT AN AGREEMENT LIMITING THEIR MILITARY PRESENCE IN THE INDIAN OCEAN THAT WOULD ENHANCE THE SECURITY OF THE PARTNERS AND ALL COUNTRIES IN THE INDIAN OCEAN REGION. THE MINISTERS

AGREED THAT THE BALANCE OF MILITARY PRESENCE OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION IN THE INDIAN OCEAN REGION SHOULD BE MAINTAINED AT THE LOWEST PRACTICABLE LEVEL. THEY ALSO AGREED THAT AN INDIAN OCEAN ARMS LIMITATIONS AGREEMENT MUST NOT DETRACT FROM THE ANZUS ALLIANCE.

13. THE COUNCIL CONDUCTED A FRANK AND FULL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON A BROAD RANGE OF OTHER POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, AND SECURITY ISSUES OF CONCERN TO THE ANZUS PARTNERS, INCLUDING EFFORTS TO RELIEVE TENSIONS IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE WORLD. THE COUNCIL PARTICULARLY STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF A SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME TO THE STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATIONS TALKS BEING CONDUCTED BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION. THE MINISTERS EMPHASIZED THE NEED FOR CONTINUING EFFORTS TO PREVENT NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION. THEY STRESSED THE DESIRABILITY OF UNCLASSIFIED

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ACHIEVING UNIVERSAL ADHERENCE TO THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY, OF WHICH ALL THREE COUNTRIES ARE SIGNATORIES. IT WAS AGREED THAT THE EARLY CONCLUSION OF A COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN AGREEMENT PROHIBITING NUCLEAR TESTING IN ALL ENVIRONMENTS BY ALL STATES WOULD ALSO MAKE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO NON-PROLIFERATION AS WELL AS NUCLEAR ARMS CONTROL OBJECTIVES. THE MINISTERS ACCORDED HIGH PRIORITY TO THE WORK BEING UNDERTAKEN IN THE INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE EVALUATION. THE COUNCIL MEMBERS ALSO DISCUSSED THE UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT CURRENTLY BEING HELD IN NEW YORK. THEY UNDERLINED THE GREAT IMPORTANCE THEY ATTACHED TO ITS DELIBERATIONS. THEY EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT IT WOULD CONTRIBUTE CONSTRUCTIVELY TO AN INTENSIFIED PROGRAM OF ARMS CONTROL ACTIVITIES WHICH COULD LEAD BY PROGRESSIVE STEPS TO A REDUCTION IN WORLD TENSIONS, A STRENGTHENING OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY, ACTUAL DISARMAMENT MEASURES, AND THE RELEASE OF RESOURCES FOR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROGRESS.

14. REVIEWING DEVELOPMENTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST, THE MINISTERS COMMENDED THE HISTORIC MOVES OF PRESIDENT SADAT OF EGYPT AND PRIME MINISTER BEGIN OF ISRAEL IN THEIR EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT PEACE.

15. THE MINISTERS EXPRESSED THEIR CONCERN ABOUT DEVELOPMENTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND THE HORN, AND CALLED UPON THE SOVIET UNION AND CUBA TO REFRAIN FROM MILITARY INTERVENTION IN AFRICAN DISPUTES. THEY EXPRESSED THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE EFFORTS OF THE PEOPLES OF ZIMBABWE AND NAMIBIA TO ACHIEVE INDEPENDENCE AND MAJORITY RULE; FOR

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TRANSITION TO MAJORITY RULE IN ZIMBABWE; AND FOR THE EFFORTS OF THE WESTERN FIVE MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO ASSIST IN BRINGING ABOUT AN INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTABLE BASIS FOR INDEPENDENCE AND MAJORITY RULE IN NAMIBIA.

16. IN REVIEWING THE GLOBAL ECONOMIC SITUATION, THE MINISTERS REAFFIRMED THE PRINCIPLE THAT THE ECONOMIC HEALTH OF THE THREE PARTNERS IS OF CONCERN TO EACH. THEY EMPHASIZED THAT A GENERAL REDUCTION OF BARRIERS TO TRADE AND RESISTANCE TO PROTECTIONIST PRESSURES WERE ESSENTIAL AND AGREED THAT AN EARLY SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BE AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN THIS PROCESS. THEY STRESSED THE NEED FOR THOSE NEGOTIATIONS TO REDUCE SUBSTANTIALLY BARRIERS TO TRADE IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS. THE COUNCIL ENDORSED MEMBERS' DETERMINATION TO PURSUE STRONG NATIONAL POLICIES AIMED AT CONSERVING ENERGY, DEVELOPING CONVENTIONAL AND ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOURCES, AND ASSISTING OTHER COUNTRIES IN THESE FIELDS.

17. THE MINISTERS REITERATED THEIR SUPPORT FOR A CONTINUED FLOW OF ASSISTANCE TO THE COUNTRIES OF THE DEVELOPING WORLD IN ORDER TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT. THEY AGREED THAT AN EQUITABLE AND SOUNDLY BASED WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER WAS A VITAL FACTOR IN PROMOTING INTERNATIONAL STABILITY AND PEACE. THE MINISTERS AGREED THAT THE JUNE 14-15 OECD MINISTERIAL MEETING WOULD PROVIDE AN IMPORTANT FORUM FOR FURTHER REVIEW OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS.

18. THE COUNCIL MEMBERS AGREED TO MEET AGAIN IN CANBERRA IN 1979 AT A DATE TO BE DECIDED. VANCE

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